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14. (Amended) A low depth tray for storing and transporting bottles,
comprising:

a floor member;

a unitary wall structure extending upwardly from the floor member, the wall structure having a lower wall portion including a plurality of windows formed therein and an upper wall portion including a plurality of upwardly projecting wall columns disposed between the windows; and

an interior grid structure disposed within the wall structure and connected thereto, the interior grid structure including a plurality of divider walls extending upwardly from the floor member and a plurality of spaced interior columns projecting upwardly from and interconnected by the divider walls, the divider walls having a double-walled construction and the interior columns having a height less than the height of bottles loaded in the tray,

wherein the interior grid structure, the wall structure, and the floor member together define a plurality of bottle retaining pockets each sized to receive a single bottle therein, and the wall columns and the interior columns each include at least one curved surface adapted to contact bottles received in the bottle retaining pockets.

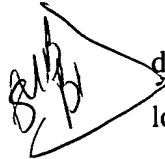
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24. (Amended) A plastic low depth tray for bottles, comprising:

a base having an upper surface and a lower surface, the upper surface including a plurality of spaced bottle support areas having a central portion at least partially surrounded by a curved perimeter portion;

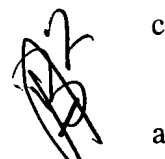
a pair of opposed end walls extending upwardly from the base, each end wall including a handle formed therein;

a pair of opposed side walls extending upwardly from the base and integrally joined with the pair of opposed end walls, wherein the side and end walls are of double-walled construction and include a lower wall portion and an upper wall portion, the lower wall portion having a substantially flat outer wall, a generally curved inner wall, and a plurality of windows formed therein, and the upper wall portion having a plurality of spaced wall columns projecting upwardly from the lower wall portion between the windows; and

an interior grid structure integrally formed with the end walls and the side walls, the interior grid structure including a plurality of spaced upwardly projecting interior columns

 disposed along a longitudinal axis of the tray and having a height less than the height of bottles loaded in the tray, and a plurality of double-walled divider walls extending upwardly from the base and interconnecting the wall columns and interior columns,

wherein the interior grid structure, side walls, end walls, and base together define a plurality of bottle retaining pockets each sized to receive a single bottle therein, each pocket including a bottle support area for supporting a base of each bottle and at least one column and at least one divider wall for providing lateral support for each bottle.

 25. (Amended) A stackable low depth tray for storing and transporting bottles, comprising:

a base having an upper surface and a lower surface, the lower surface including a plurality of receiving areas;

a wall structure extending upwardly from the base, the wall structure including a lower wall portion having a lower surface and an upper surface, and an upper wall portion including a plurality of spaced, upwardly extending hollow wall columns;

a plurality of spaced, upwardly extending hollow interior columns disposed within the wall structure, the interior columns having a height less than the height of bottles loaded in the tray; and

a plurality of double-walled interior divider walls which continuously join adjacent columns to form, in combination with the base and the wall structure, a plurality of bottle retaining pockets each sized to receive a single bottle therein,

wherein when the tray is empty and is disposed in a stacked configuration with a like lower tray, the columns of the tray are adapted to receive at least a portion of the columns of the like lower tray and the lower surface of the lower wall portion of the tray is adapted to be supported on the upper surface of the lower wall portion of the like lower tray, and when the tray is loaded with bottles and is disposed in a stacked configuration with a like lower tray, the bottle retaining pockets of the tray are substantially aligned with the bottle retaining pockets of the like lower tray, and the receiving areas of the tray are adapted to receive the closures of bottles loaded in the like lower tray.

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28. (Amended) A stackable low depth tray for storing and transporting bottles, comprising:

a base having an upper surface and a lower surface, the upper surface including a plurality of bottle support areas and the lower surface including a plurality of receiving areas substantially aligned with the bottle support areas;

a wall structure attached to the base, the wall structure including a lower wall portion having a lower surface and an upper surface, and an upper wall portion including a plurality of spaced, upwardly extending wall columns;


a plurality of spaced interior columns generally disposed within the wall structure and extending upwardly to a height less than the height of bottles loaded in the tray, wherein the wall columns and interior columns disposed along a transverse axis of the tray each include a recess formed therein which extends along the transverse axis of the tray; and

a plurality of double-walled interior divider walls which interconnect adjacent columns to form, in combination with the bottle support areas and the wall structure, a plurality of bottle retaining pockets within the tray each sized to receive a single bottle therein and having substantially equal center-to-center distances,

wherein when the tray is empty and is disposed in a cross-stacked configuration with an upper like tray, the column recesses are adapted to receive a portion of the wall structure of the upper like tray, and when the tray is loaded with bottles and is disposed in a cross-stacked configuration with an upper like tray, the bottle retaining pockets of the tray are aligned with the receiving areas of the upper like tray.

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32. (Amended) The tray according to claim 28, wherein the column recesses extend downwardly to the height of the upper surface of the lower wall portion, and the upper surface of the wall structure of the tray is adapted to support the lower surface of the wall structure of the upper like tray.

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36. (New) A low depth tray for bottles, comprising:
a base;
a wall structure extending upwardly from the base; and

 an interior grid structure integrally formed with the wall structure, the interior grid structure including a plurality of interior columns projecting upwardly within the wall structure and a plurality of interior divider walls which project upwardly from the base and interconnect the interior columns and the wall structure, the interior columns having a height less than bottles loaded in the tray and each divider wall defining two spaced apart surfaces for contacting bottles,

wherein the interior grid structure, the base, and the wall structure together define a plurality of bottle retaining pockets capable of providing multiple lateral contact points for each bottle received therein.
